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Aloha Nancy Rumrill,

I am asking that you and the EPA staff hold a public hearing on West Maui regarding the renewal permit for the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

The Clean Water Act allows EPA to limit the discharges of effluent into the ocean [33 U.S.C. § 1251(a)] whenever a direct discharge of water pollutants is directed into the ocean [33 U.S.C. § 1362 (6).] Clearly EPA and the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility staff knows that their mix of R-1 and R-2 treated wastewater includes pollutants that enter the ocean at unknown areas. We do not know the proportion of R-1 and R-2 in the treated wastewater mix.

We do know that the EPA has a duty to minimize the pollutants entering the ocean. To do that means reusing R-1 treated wastewater for irrigation, farming and fire prevention and protection. Maui County needs federal funds for distribution pipes and additional UV channels at the Lahaina facility.

I look forward to meeting you at the public hearing.

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